

CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN A NON-ATTRIBUTABLE INTERVIEW

Project title: Perspectives on a Re-enactment of the Black Mass to be Performed at Harvard in May 2014

Researcher: Michael Agliardo

Michael Agliardo, a faculty member of the department of sociology at Loyola University Chicago, is investigating issues related to a Black Mass scheduled to be held at Harvard on May 12, 2014. You are being asked to take part in this study because you were involved in the planning of this event, or because you responded to it in some way, or simply because your views concerning this event are significant and of interest.

Please review this form carefully. You will be given the opportunity to ask any questions you may have before deciding whether to participate in this study.

Purpose of this study:

The purpose of this study is to understand the range of perspectives that people brought to this and attendant events, as well as to understand how those perspectives related to the role they played in promoting or responding to same.

What participation in this study entails:

If you agree to participate in this study, the following will take place:

- (1) You and the researcher will establish a timeframe for an interview. Since questions for this interview are open-ended, its length may vary, but typical times range between 30 minutes and an hour.
- (2) You and the researcher will arrange to talk at a mutually convenient location, over the phone, via Skype, or via some other mutually agreeable telecommunications medium.
- (3) The researcher will begin by briefly explaining this project and responding to any questions you may have about it.
- (4) During your interview, you will be asked about: your involvement in this event or the ensuing developments, your views of these developments, and related matters. Michael Agliardo will provide an advance copy of the interview guide (the list of interview questions and discussion topics for this interview) if so requested.
- (5) For the purposes of accuracy, your interview will be audio-recorded. This recording will be reviewed by the researcher as he develops his understanding, analysis, and any presentations related to this study. Quotations from the transcript also may be cited in work written in connection with this study. This recording will not be used in any other way without prior written consent. You may ask that the recorder be turned off at any point.

Risks and benefits:

Participation in this study involves the risk that your views and activities related to this event may be made public, but without citing you by name.

While you will not receive any direct compensation for participating in this study, the researcher may learn more about events surrounding the Black Mass and how people view it or viewed it.

Confidentiality:

You understand that **your participation in this research project will remain confidential**. Your comments in this interview will not be attributed to you by name, title, or any other label revealing your identity. The confidentiality of the transcripts from this interview will be maintained by using an alias throughout. You may also specify that certain comments remain completely **off the record**. While the

researcher may draw on the content of off-the-record comments to aid his own understanding, they will not be published in any way.

All research records connected to this study will be encrypted and kept confidential to the maximum extent allowed by law. If given to a third party for transcription, that person will not be given any further identifying information than appears in the interview itself, and he or she will agree to erase or destroy all records connected with this research once his or her participation in this project has completed. That person will also be a trained in social science research and have passed the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative in human subjects research ethics.

The primary researcher will only keep the audio recording(s) made during your interview until this research project on the Harvard Black Mass has been completed, and that research has been reviewed and published. In any case, these recording(s) will be kept no longer than four years from the date of this interview. Until their destruction, interview recordings and any other material you give me will be stored in digital form and kept encrypted under a password-protected account.

Further information about your interview:

At your request, the researcher will provide a copy of your interview recording(s). After the interview, you may send the researcher any further thoughts, considerations, or retractions as you feel appropriate, and the researcher will be bound to take such additional statements into account.

If so requested, the researcher will also notify you of any publications arising from this project.

Voluntary Participation:

You understand that your participation in this research is entirely voluntary. You may refuse to answer any question or skip any topic in the interview. You may refuse to participate entirely, and you may withdraw from the interview at any time. Such refusal or withdrawal will not result in any penalty.

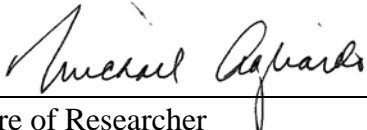
Further Questions or Concerns:

Michael Agliardo has explained this study to you and answered any questions that you had before proceeding. If you have further questions to ask after this interview, you may reach him at (773) 508-3460 or Magliardo@LUC.edu. You may also call the Loyola University Office of Research Services at (773) 508-2689 to inquire about your rights as a research subject, or to report research-related concerns.

Statement of Consent:

Your signature below indicates that you have read the information above, have had an opportunity to ask questions about this study, and agree to participate in it. In addition, you have been given a copy of this form to keep for your records.

Signature of Interviewee



Signature of Researcher

Date

Date